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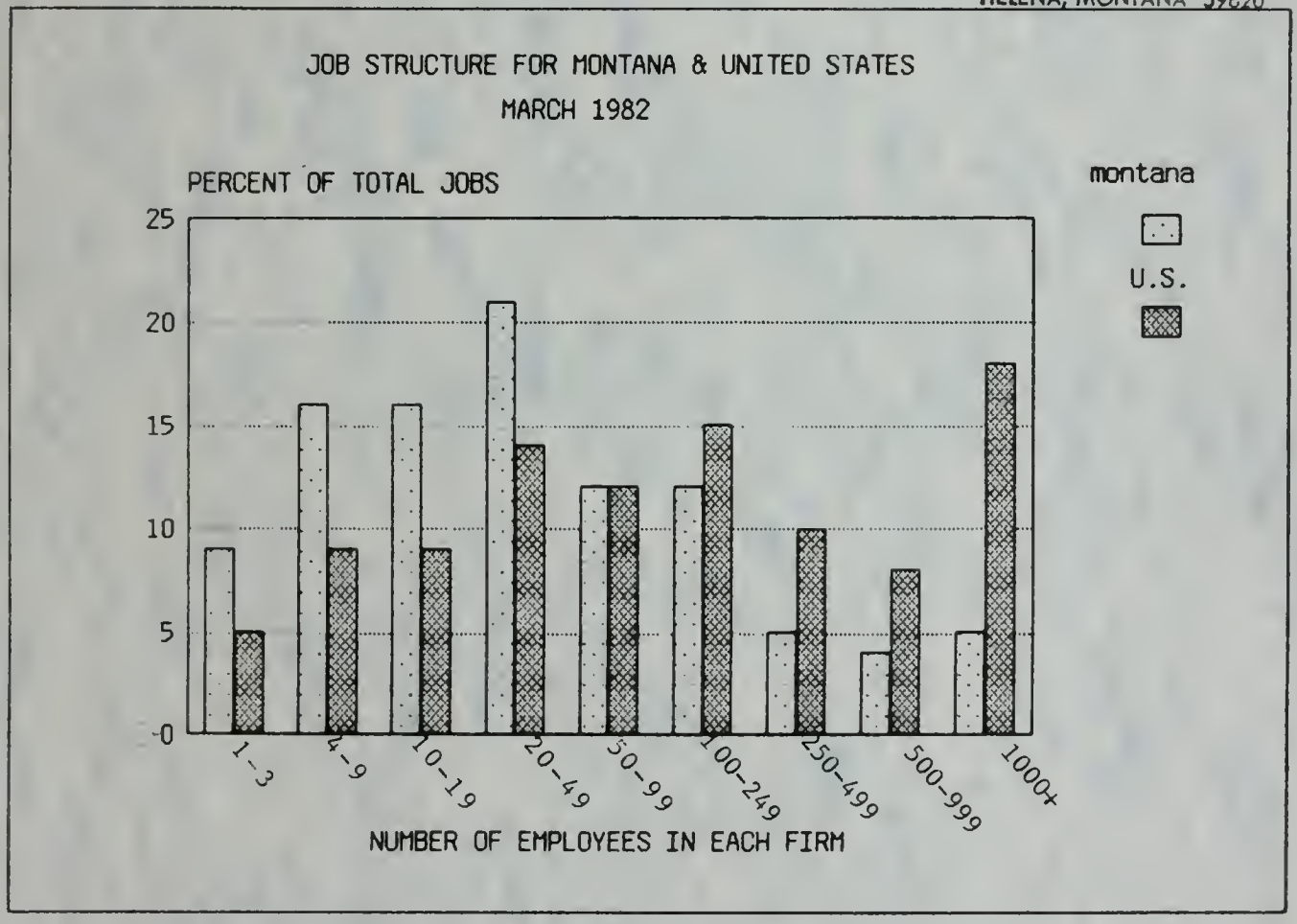


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## MAJOR INDUSTRY COMPONENTS

The graph on the cover illustrates how much large employers influence the total national economy and how smaller companies dominate Montana's economy. In the smaller four categories (1-49 employees), Montana has 62 percent of all employment, and the U.S. has only 37 percent of total employment. Meanwhile, the companies that have over 1,000 workers control 18 percent of U.S. employment and only 5 percent of Montana's work force. This graph does not include government employment.

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the armed forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployed - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of people by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of jobs by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics X-11 variant of the Census Method II seasonal adjustment program.

8. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

9. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area - as determined by the Office of Management and Budget. The SMSA must have a central city with a population of 50,000 or more.

10. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Research and Analysis Bureau, Montana Department of Labor and Industry, consists of a central city or cities with a population of less than 50,000 and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

All Labor Force statistics contained in this publication are in accordance with the Federal guidelines as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Methodology procedures use a household sample conducted in Montana on a monthly basis which is called the Current Population Survey. These official statistics are used to allocate federal funding. Any questions concerning these figures should be directed to:

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## STATEWIDE

Employment and Unemployment Situation
(In Thousands)

| | OCT. 1983 Forecast | SEP. 1983 Prelim | AUG. 1983 Revised | SEP. 1982 Revised |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 384.0 | 385.4 | 393.2 | 399.2 |
| Employment | 356.3 | 360.0 | 362.6 | 370.3 |
| Unemployment | 27.7 | 25.4 | 30.6 | 28.9 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.2% | 6.6% | 7.8% | 7.2% |

Economic Highlights and Employment Outlook:

Montana's preliminary unemployment rate of 6.6 percent for September is the lowest monthly rate recorded for almost two years. The lower rate reflects the gradual recovery of the economy and the increase of employment during the summer months, primarily in retail trade, construction, agriculture and the service industries. Although the rate of unemployment is down from the corresponding period in 1982 the civilian labor force is less by 13.7 thousand and the number of those employed is 7.8 thousand fewer than in 1982. Several conclusions may be drawn: those who were eligible and may have exhausted their UI benfits and those that didn't qualify may have withdrawn from the labor market after being unsuccessful in their search for employment, some may have moved out of the state seeking work elsewhere, some may have gone back to school for additional training or retraining, or enlisted in one of the Branches of the Armed Services, or a combination of several things.

The Western Congressional District, which suffered the most during 1981 and 1982 is continuing to show the best improvement due to the strengthening of the lumber and woods products, construction and trade industries. Although the Eastern Congressional District has a lower unemployment rate than the western half it is up compared to last year. The increase is due to the slowdown in the oil and gas industry and the low prices paid to farmers for their products.

About 250 telephone operators and about 1500 installers and repair workers were idle for about two weeks while out on strike. Picketing by other union members continued for about another week at various locations throughout the state.

Construction activity showed some gains as several projects were started this quarter. One of the largest and most controversial is the 197 mile natural gas pipe line running from Cut Bank to Warm Springs.

Approximately 180 workers are employed on the $25 million project. Yellowstone County statistics show that at least half of all new construction statewide was in their county. Officials pointed out that by the first half of the year they had more than $105 million in new construction.

While Montana's coal industry struggled through a market depression that reduced sales by 5.5 million tons last year, the gold and silver industry maintained its unfaltering pattern of growth. A mine near Whitehall added 120 workers to the list of miners. One of the largest mines near Troy has a labor force of 340 persons, a small mine near Jardine will have 100 to 150 people when they reach full production, and at the present time a gold mine near Marysville has about 40 employees and may expand to 100 people shortly.

After a century of mining in Butte, "The Richest Hill on Earth" stopped all operations the end of June. Unless copper prices increase the chances for mining to resume in this area is very remote. Other mining activities include a joint-venture for exploration and mining in Judith Basin and Cascade Counties.

Miners have made considerably more requests this year for mineral-exploration permits than in past years. So far about 24 applicants have requested exploration permits this year.

By the end of the third quarter 436 permits were issued for well drilling. This represents a continued decline from the 666 permits that were issued over the same time in 1982, and the 1201 permits issued the first nine months of 1981. This was the peak year for drilling in Montana's history. The decline in the number of new wells is due to the high cost of operation, economic factors and the present glut of foreign and domestic oil. However, as operating cost become lower and with the renewed interest in the "over-thrust belt" we should see more activity starting in the fourth quarter.

Production by Montana's lumber mills remained strong throughout the quarter. The number of sawmill workers has increased by 1000 from the 6.9 thousand reported the end of September 1982.

The number of new businesses and new corporations increased by 288 over the same 3 quarters in 1981. The largest growth areas are in the retail and service industries.

The grain harvest in some areas of Montana was mixed as some reported that yields ranged from 10 to 12 bushels per acre on their spring wheat and others indicated that they had yields of up to 50 bushels an acre on winter wheat. Generally throughout the state the yields was above expectations.

## GREAT FALLS SMSA

Employment in the Great Falls labor market area made some gains this quarter: however the improvement hasn't been enough to indicate any marked up swing in the local economy.

Early announcements made by the Great Falls City Commission approved the construciton of a new medical clinic which will create about 100 jobs...cost of the facility will be $4.7 million. Other economic highlights include: An application made by an electronics firm for $1.6 million to renovate a warehouse providing 42,900 square feet of retail office and ware house space...will increase their work force by 60 to 100 employees; a distributor outlet moved their operations to Great Falls from Billings...presently employs four sales representatives; a computer sales, and service firm opened early in July...employs six people in sales, service and accounting; a restaurant that specializes in sea food recently opened for business; a contractor is constructing a $250,000 commercial building; a new bank building is presently under construction; a contractor near Dutton has started construction of a $12 million anhydrous ammonia fertilizer storage and distribution terminal...will provide employment for 80 workers during the construction phase and will have five full time permanent plus 15-20 people, including truckers, will be employed during peak periods.

Four construction contracts were let at Malmstrom Air Force Base to remodel and upgrade their housing units...the contracts total to more than $324,000.

Although there was an upswing in employment other businesses were trimming their work force as four companies closed their operations which will eventually affect 260 to 280 people.

## BILLINGS SMSA

Economic activity in the Billings Labor Market Area appears to be moving faster than local officials thought. Statistics showed that at least half of all new construction statewide is in Billings. Three times as many building permits have been issued since January 1 as in the same period last year when they amounted to $35 million.

The building upturn is the result of numerous construction projects. Some of the major projects include the expansion of the local hospital at $20 million, a building permit for $379,000 for an eight-plex, $1.2 million for construction at a local college, $2.8 million construction for another hospital and the remodeling of a local downtown hotel at a price tag of $4.1 million.

A last-minute effort was made to block the railroad's transfer of employees from Glendive, Havre and Missoula to Billings. This move was granted by the U.S. District Judge.

The Billings Chamber of Commerce is making efforts to have the statewide flight service station located at the local airport. The service station-which provides weather information and other data to pilots who must file a flight plan-would create from 40 to 60 jobs and boast a $2 million payroll...decision will be made in mid-year 1984 by the FAA. A federal grant has been awarded to the Billings airport to finance a one-year study that will serve as a plan for future developments...award amount will be $164,700 plus an additional $18,300 from the local airport funds. The airport also received another $2.8 million grant from the FAA to be used over a three year period to buy equipment and improve the airport runways and taxiways.

Construction continues on a new plant in Laurel to produce rubberized asphalt...cost is estimated to be near $250,000. Plus, construction has started on a new "rail welding" complex that will be used as the recycling center for used track. The center will also do rail welding for joining new and used track into quarter-mile lengths. The complex is estimated to be $9.4 million.

Other economic highlights include:

---a new apparel store
---a new casual wear store for men, women and children
---a hair salon for men and women
---a new securities branch office
---a wild game processing plant
---remodeling of a local theater at $600,000
---a new produce and a seafood center.

## ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA

Work started the first of July to rebuild the first leg of Montana's 200 mile, natural gas transmission pipeline from Anaconda to Cut Bank. The project will cost $12 million and will employ about 180 workers.

Building permits made a sharp rise in July, which brought in fees of $4,864 compared to fees of $1,529 during the same month last year. However in August the value of building permits dropped dramatically from the value recorded a year ago. The fees realized in August were $3,241 compared to $4,128 a year ago.

A $250,000 community development Block Grant from the state commerce department created 29 jobs for two and half months in Butte. The employees were used for repairing sidewalks in a 14 block area. A Bill before the senate will provide funds in 1984 for two Butte-based energy programs. The program represents about $8 million.

Local developers started building a 50 unit motel at Rocker. The project will employ about 20-25 people during the construction phase and will employ 12 full-time workers in the center after its completion.

Butte may become the site for the Montana State Prison pre-release center. The center could employ a director and 15 full time staff and could inject an annual income to the community of $332,000.

The second stage grant of $227,000 for research into a rotary plasma arc furnace was awarded to a research center in Butte. Other economic activites include the construction of a new bank building.

Anaconda-Deer Lodge county recorded the highest unemployment in the state for the months of July, August and September. The high rate is tied to the June shut down of mining operations in Butte. Although the unemployment rate is high some bright spots are starting to emerge, such as new businesses that have opened and some that have expanded in the last few months in the downtown area. The county received $89,000 funded under the jobs bill...will provide employment to long term unemployed. The work will be repairing curbs and gutters.

In Dillon four new stores have opened for business plus a retail store has remodeled their store at a cost of $50,000. A gold smelting operation started up and will be hiring 5 to 10 people. Two seismographic crews have moved into Dillon to do exploration work.

## BOZEMAN LMA

The third quarter started out with three labor disputes as 80 nurses formed a picket line around a local hospital, 40 union members called a strike at a manufacturing plant in Three Forks and contract talks continued between the city of Livingston police and fire dept. All three disputes were settled within 10-20 days.

In Bozeman a local electronics firm was sold...25 employees were laid off, 79 regular employees will be retained. The new purchaser plans to convert the plant to a manufacturing only facility. At least

64 young people received employment opportunities through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act. The funds are ear-marked for June, July and August...$104,000.

City officials in Bozeman were surprised when an announcement reveiled plans to construct a new convention center hotel...no date has been set. Construction on a new fire station at the Gallatin air field started in July and should be completed by the end of September...cost will be $117,980.

A local employer in Livingston announced that they will be transferring another two dozen jobs to Laurel... mostly electricians and machinists. Employment showed some gains as a local Livingston lumber mill expanded their operations by adding a third shift...hired 16. Also three employees were hired by a local pellet mill.

Activities reported by the Bozeman and Livingston Local Job Service showed an increase in job placement throughout the quarter...primarily in retail trade, services and seasonal work in Yellowstone Park.

## GLASGOW LMA

Bids went to an out of area contractor to install several thousand feet of water lines at the Fort Peck Dam. The project started in July at a cost of $1.2 million. Employees of a local utilities company have been constructing a new $3.14 million compressor station at Fort Peck to pump natural gas from the Bowdain Fields around Saco to points east.

Heavy rains and high winds caused some property damage in the Glasgow area which opened up several jobs with local contractors. Other projects in the Glasgow area include ground breaking for a new convention center and construction of several small buildings. A local theatre has reopened after being closed due to a fire in August 1982.

A $2.7 million contract was negotiated early in July with the U.S. Army to manufacture camouflage netting in the Poplar area. The contract will run for four years...will employ about 325 workers. Subcontractors are working at the Poplar High and Elementary Schools near Wolf Point. More class rooms and a gym are being added.

In Plentywood the number of housing permits were way down for the same time as reported in June of 1982. Most of the permits issued so far have been for remodeling and construction of garages. Work on a

five mile highway construction project at Plentywood started early in July plus a 10 mile paving project near Brockton is 90% completed.

The oil activity in this Labor Market Area has not changed significantly...layoffs and new hires remained about equal.

## GLENDIVE LMA

The economy in the Glendive-Sidney labor market is still hurting as area residents are finding "closed" signs on the doors of local merchants...several businesses have been forced to seek protection from their creditors in bankruptcy court.

Glendive's new shopping center now only has seven businesses that are open compared to 12 previously. Other businesses that have failed in this labor market area include an implement dealer in Sidney; two contractors and a restaurant in Glendive. Also, Federal Agriculture officals announced recently that the Sidney Agricultural Research Service Station may become a satellite station to an ARS office in Mandan, N.D. The station went through an earlier reorganization...lost several positions and half of its $1 million a year budget.

The bust in the oil industry hit the Eastern part of the state the hardest in late 1981, but local businesses remained somewhat insulated because they have been able to rely on the traditional agricultural base of the economy. But with farmers facing poor markets, the impact is beginning to be felt in town as well.

Although the economy appears to be bleak, the unemployment rate did decline substantically during the quarter, the reason...increased seasonal employment: agriculture, oil drilling, seismic exploration and construction.

Four new businesses have opened in West Glendive...a tee shirt shop, an upholstry shop, mechanical facilities for automobiles and a cleaning service. Also, a second oil well is drilling a few miles from Glendive. The drilling crew expects to reach a depth of 10,000 feet. The first discovery well a mile to the northwest has been pumping about 300 barrels of oil a day.

The Sidney Job Service reported that they had a successful summer in helping local youth find employment...343 youth were placed during the months of May, June, July, and August.

Sugar beet harvest started about 10 days before the offical beginning of the Fall Campaign (October 1). Officials expect an exceptional sugar beet crop this year.

## HARDIN - RED LODGE LMA

Coal mining still looks pretty bleak as no new contracts are being negoitated and none are expected "at least until the late 1980's". Coal production has been declining every year since 1979 primarily since the energy crisis was replaced with an oil glut. However, gold and silver mining has been growing statewide. One company will be making their decision sometime in the fall of 1984 to start their operation in the Stillwater complex...will employ about 35 workers.

The unemployment rate in Carbon County continues to dip as the August figure was 7.1 percent of the labor force. This was .4 percent drop from the previous month.

The construction of a new motel in Red Lodge won't take place this year. The development will sit tight, waiting to see if the local ski area will be able to increase its business after installing a new chair lift earlier this year.

## HAVRE LMA

A request to the Montana Public Service Commission has been made by a local railroad to allow them to close their depots in several neighboring communities and consolidate their operations in Havre. The company indicated that the Havre facility will have several employees, be open more hours and have computer access.

Economic highlights in the Havre LMA include the expansion of a local retail store, a restaurant, a new auction and consignment center, and a new building construction company. Other activities include a new copy shop, a new business on wheels selling tools, a beauty shop, and a new radio station.

Construction on the new farm mechanics building on the campus is progressing and appears to be on schedule.

## HELENA LMA

The Helena Job Service office reported that the overall claims (Unemployment Insurance) activity was up due to the quarter change and end of the state fiscal year which ended on June 30th. Several layoffs were from various state agencies plus a large increase was noted when employees of a nation-wide communication system went out on strike. Approximately 400 initial claims were filed.

Employment activities in the area included the remodeling of a portion of the Lundy and Capital Mall shopping centers. Two new fast food resturants were constructed this quarter, employing approximately 37 individuals. Construction of the Workers Compensation Building and the parking facility is still on schedule. Some increase in restaurant and service openings were noted throughout the quarter. Professional employment remained slow. City of Helena started replacement of their water main.

A local hospital is in the process of eliminating 50 full time positions,...reason...decline of hospital use. Although the job scene could be a lot brighter over 700 Helena youths have found summer jobs through the Youth Employment Service...plans are to place another 500 before the summer is over.

## KALISPELL LMA

Steady improvement in the labor market over the past eight months has allowed a local manufacturer in Columbia Falls to recall over 135 workers. The reactivation will bring the plant up to 80 percent of its production capacity.

Several major construction projects are under way in Flathead County as work started on a 74 unit motel project...value $800,000, a new medical clinic west of Kalispell...$450,000 and a new hardware store in the Evergreen district. Construction in the valley is up this year as is evidenced by the number of new housing starts reported. A $30 million proposal has been presented to the Whitefish City Council to reconstruct a local motel...the project will take 2 years to complete. Other economic highlights include: a new fresh produce store, a new restaurant in Big Fork, a retail store that specializes in custom seat covering, a new investment firm, an addition to a photo processing building...$6500 valuation, a new womens apparel shop, another music store, a new computer outlet, a new fast food restaurant...they will employ 70 people to start, then drop to 50 or 55 workers, and several remoldeling projects of local businesses.

The economy in the Polson area remained steady during the quarter. No major construction projects were reported other than new home construction and some remodeling projects. Some hiring was noted with local sawmills and timber contractors. The cherry harvest was hampered by continued wet weather, and the cherry crop this year was slightly below average.

Seismic exploration in the Libby area continues to be heavy. Actual drilling of a proposed 10,000 foot well has not started. Logging activity has picked up as more crews have been going to work.

A grizzly bear study may hinder plans for mining activities in the Cabinet Mountains. The proposed mine has silver deposits that is thought to be the world's largest. Also the study will make a biological assessment and evaluation on the effects the proposed ski resort may have on the bear habitat. Few construction projects have taken place this summer...mostly small residential projects.

Unemployment during this quarter continued its descent as local employment activities continue to improve. Other economic highlights during this quarter were: a new building for a discount store, a new sporting goods store, the hospital is in their second phase of construction, a take out pizza and ice cream store have recently opened plus survey crews have started to work under various Forest Service contracts.

## LEWISTOWN LMA

The job picture in the Lewistown Labor Market Area was good this quarter as compared with many of the other counties in the state and the nation as a whole. Fergus county had by far the most job holders in the central ten county areas with 5973 reported in July, and 6007 in August.

Voters approved the $4.98 million bond issue by a 2 to 1 margin for a new Fergus High School...the new school is scheduled to be completed for the 1985-86 school year.

Construction activity picked up this quarter in Fergus County as work started on the $1.2 million natural gas pipeline project, the remodeling of local schools and some residential/commercial buildings.

Bids were let for construction of a new bank building at a cost of $703,000...construction scheduled to start about Oct. 1, 1983. Also, a

bid was awarded to a Great Falls contractor to install guard rails on the bridge that spans the railroad tracks on U.S. Highway 191 southwest of Moore.

Stockholders of a local wholesale-retail plant have voted to close down their operations. The closing will affect approximately ten employees.

Some hiring was noted in the agricultural industry, however not as good as the previous years as crop production was somewhat less this year. In some areas the supply of workers appeared to be meeting the demand.

## MILES CITY LMA

High interest rates, rough times for farmers and lower profit margins are contributing to the closure of a local implement dealer in Ekalaka and part of a local co-op in Fallon. Oilfield exploration and its allied business's in the Baker and Broadus area's have slowed down to a very low level of activity.

In Miles City the economic picture appears to be a little brighter as 27 building permits were issued in June for a total construction valuation of $1,127,751. The total included 3 permits for new residential buildings and construction of a new auto shop, and remodeling of the high school...total cost, $1,074,991. In July the building permits dropped by 3 and was valued at $53,000. All were for remodeling projects. Other activities included the remodeling of a local clinic ($90,000) and the addition to a auto body shop.

A bankrupt firm that made energy cells has been purchased by another company and will be starting their operation within the very near future...expect to hire 10 employees. Continued hot dry weather has kept all construction projects working with no problems...all projects appear to be on schedule.

In Colstrip a local contractor recalled 25 workers as they plan to start a third shift. The construction of Colstrip Unit 3 is progressing to a point that clean up of debris is being made in the turbine/generator area.

A securities firm is planning to hire approximately 20 workers...most recruitment has been from the Northern Cheyenne office.

The local railroad has started repairing their tracks...some previously laid off workers have been recalled.

## MISSOULA LMA

Wet weather continued to plaque the Missoula Labor Market Area as many farmers were restricted from getting their first hay crop in, plus other outdoor work such as construction and logging activities were seriously hampered.

Unemployment rates for the beginning of the third quarter were mixed, as Mineral and Ravalli counties showed a marked decrease as compared with the two previous months (May and June): however, Missoula and Sanders counties reported an increase in the rate of unemployment over the same period.

The annual summer lay off for three large mills took effect in mid-July idling over 620 individuals for 2-3 weeks.

Building started to pick-up in Missoula as approximately 160 permits were issued for new construction and remodeling projects which represented about $8.8 million commmitted for the months of June, July and August.

In Missoula a new restaurant hired about 40 new workers, two new employees were hired for a new T-shirt shop, a new hardware store hired 75 permanent and 25 temporary help. Two construction projects got off the ground for a new 68 unit motel and new restaurant ...cost will be $3.5 million. A $250,000 bowling alley will be completed late September or early October.

Contracts were let to start construction of a 500 kilovolt Colstrip transmission line in Western Montana for a 36 mile right-of-way from Garrison to Taft at a cost of $2.6 million. Also, a $1.6 million contract was set up to enhance and protect the sport fishery in Rock Creek and other natural resources.

In Ravalli County ten employees were laid off temporarily due to a lack of logs. The local saw mill has been running one shift in the stud mill and one in the plant, however most of the reconstruction work has kept the majority of the mills employees working through the summer. Plans are set for a December reopening...estimated cost $1.5 million. In addition to the rebuilding project, another $350,000 was

used to construct two enormous fuel silos and other accompanying buildings.

Thirty-six temporary summer employees have been hired to work on various forest projects with funds received from the 1983 Jobs Bill...project cost $400,000.

The Hamilton Job Service office reported that employment activity has picked up with hiring noted in nearly all industries. Demand for clerical and service workers along with restaurant help increased as tourist traffic picked up. Paving of the main street in Stevensville was started plus Hamilton is one of five cities being considered by a Salt Lake firm as the site of a new ethanol production plant.

The mini-mall is nearing completion and a few shops are starting to move in and a local grocery store opened that will employ 26 new employees.

In Sanders County, employment levels declined early in the quarter in the logging industry as logging contractors were closed down for a brief period for maintenance and vacations. By early August employment levels began to improve...some shortages of experienced woods workers were noted. A temporary increase in agricultural employment was reported as the weather started to break.

A new retail store hired 16 full and part time individuals and in the Plains area 16 unemployed people went to work in September under a $244,766 federal grant to reconstruct streets and install drainage sumps. In Paradise, MT. a local employer is reconsidering an earlier decision to rebuild the Tie plant which burned to the ground October 27, 1982. The announcement means an uncertain future awaits the 34 workers idled when the plant was destroyed.

## SHELBY - CUT BANK LMA

Economic activity in the Shelby-Cut Bank LMA for the third quarter again is highhighted by various construction projects. In Shelby construction started on a metal maintenance and storage facility for the city...valuation at $240,000. Five permits were issued to reside residental houses, plus construction of a garage for a total valuation of $33,000. Construction started in July for a new health spa...cost $55,000 plus. Also, remodeling of a local church has begun.

A proposal was submitted to the Toole County Growth Council by a firm headquartered in Billings to build a 48-unit motel complex. The estimated cost of the project is about $750,000.

Construction activity remains steady in the Cut Bank area as work continues to progress on a grain elevator, a new bank, addition of a new motor inn, new furniture store, radio station, two apartment complexes, eight new homes and various remodeling jobs.

Seasonal hiring picked up as jobs started to open up in the park and oilfield activity remained steady as twenty-six workers started on a rig near Browning.

Nine workers were laid off at a local refinery and it appears that more will be laid off at a later date.

Construction projects in Conrad are for an addition to a building plus the installation of used fertilizer tanks...total valuation $44,000. A local grocery store started remodeling the entrance to their store.

A local contractor was the low bidder on a sewer project in Choteau. The project is estimated to cost $13,734.

Agricutural activities in this Labor Market Area consisted of field work, haying and grain harvesting. Most growers felt that the crops were better than they had predicted earlier.

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All Items

(1967=100)

| | 1981 | | 1982 | | 1983 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | CPI-U | CPI-W | CPI-U | CPI-W | CPI-U | CPI-W |
| January | 260.5 | 260.7 | 282.5 | 282.1 | 293.1 | 292.1 |
| February | 263.2 | 263.5 | 283.4 | 282.9 | 293.2 | 292.3 |
| March | 265.1 | 265.2 | 283.1 | 282.5 | 293.4 | 293.0 |
| April | 266.8 | 266.8 | 284.3 | 283.7 | 295.5 | 294.9 |
| May | 269.0 | 269.1 | 287.1 | 286.5 | 297.1 | 296.3 |
| June | 271.3 | 271.4 | 290.6 | 290.1 | 298.1 | 297.2 |
| July | 274.4 | 274.6 | 292.2 | 291.8 | 299.3 | 298.2 |
| August | 276.5 | 276.5 | 292.8 | 292.4 | 300.3 | 299.5 |
| September | 279.3 | 279.1 | 293.3 | 292.8 | 301.8 | 300.8 |
| October | 279.9 | 279.7 | 294.1 | 293.6 | | |
| November | 280.7 | 280.4 | 293.6 | 293.2 | | |
| December | 281.5 | 281.1 | 292.4 | 292.0 | | |
| Dec-to-Dec % | 8.9% | 8.7% | 3.9% | 3.9% | | |
| AVERAGE: | 272.4 | 272.3 | 289.1 | 288.6 | | |
| Ann Avg % | 10.4% | 10.2% | 6.1% | 6.0% | | |

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures changes in prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups. The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population. The CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population, including wage earners and clerical workers, salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

TABLE I

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Not Seasonally Adjusted
(In Thousands)

| Date | Civilian Labor Force | Employment | | | Unemployment | | | Labor Management Dispute 2/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Total | Non-Ag | Agri. | Total | Percent 1/ Montana | U.S. | |
| 1981 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 361.6 | 332.1 | 311.8 | 20.3 | 29.5 | 8.2% | 8.2% | * |
| February | 365.1 | 333.6 | 311.5 | 22.1 | 31.5 | 8.6% | 8.0% | .1 |
| March | 372.3 | 343.1 | 316.6 | 26.5 | 29.2 | 7.9% | 7.7% | * |
| April | 384.2 | 356.0 | 323.4 | 32.6 | 28.2 | 7.3% | 7.0% | * |
| May | 388.6 | 362.8 | 329.2 | 33.6 | 25.8 | 6.6% | 7.1% | .4 |
| June | 401.3 | 372.3 | 334.0 | 38.3 | 29.0 | 7.2% | 7.7% | .4 |
| July | 400.4 | 374.0 | 333.1 | 40.9 | 26.4 | 6.6% | 7.3% | .4 |
| August | 402.4 | 377.5 | 333.7 | 43.8 | 24.9 | 6.2% | 7.2% | .4 |
| September | 390.1 | 367.3 | 333.1 | 34.2 | 22.8 | 5.8% | 7.3% | * |
| October | 385.3 | 362.8 | 333.8 | 29.0 | 22.5 | 5.8% | 7.5% | * |
| November | 380.0 | 353.9 | 328.9 | 25.0 | 26.0 | 6.9% | 7.9% | * |
| December | 376.6 | 348.6 | 327.1 | 21.5 | 28.0 | 7.4% | 8.3% | * |
| Avg. | 384.0 | 357.0 | 326.4 | 30.6 | 27.0 | 6.9% | 7.6% | * |
| 1982 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 367.5 | 333.5 | 313.7 | 19.8 | 34.0 | 9.3% | 9.4% | * |
| February | 372.2 | 334.6 | 313.1 | 21.5 | 37.6 | 10.1% | 9.6% | * |
| March | 381.5 | 343.5 | 317.6 | 25.9 | 38.0 | 10.0% | 9.5% | * |
| April | 391.4 | 356.8 | 325.0 | 31.8 | 34.6 | 8.9% | 9.2% | * |
| May | 400.1 | 367.1 | 334.3 | 32.8 | 33.0 | 8.2% | 9.1% | .8 |
| June | 410.4 | 374.8 | 337.5 | 37.3 | 35.6 | 8.7% | 9.8% | * |
| July | 406.4 | 372.1 | 332.1 | 40.0 | 34.3 | 8.4% | 9.8% | * |
| August | 406.0 | 374.7 | 331.9 | 42.8 | 32.3 | 7.9% | 9.6% | * |
| September | 399.2 | 370.3 | 337.0 | 33.3 | 28.9 | 7.2% | 9.7% | * |
| October | 394.1 | 363.1 | 334.8 | 28.3 | 31.0 | 7.9% | 9.9% | * |
| November | 389.8 | 355.9 | 331.5 | 24.4 | 33.9 | 8.7% | 10.4% | * |
| December | 384.5 | 349.7 | 328.7 | 21.0 | 34.8 | 9.1% | 10.5% | * |
| Avg. | 392.0 | 358.0 | 328.1 | 29.9 | 34.0 | 8.6% | 9.7% | * |
| 1983 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 384.1 | 344.0 | 324.7 | 19.3 | 40.1 | 10.4% | 11.4% | * |
| February | 384.4 | 343.7 | 322.7 | 21.0 | 40.7 | 10.6% | 11.3% | * |
| March | 387.0 | 348.7 | 323.5 | 25.2 | 38.3 | 9.9% | 10.8% | * |
| April | 387.8 | 353.4 | 322.4 | 31.0 | 34.4 | 8.9% | 10.0% | * |
| May | 383.7 | 352.2 | 320.0 | 32.0 | 31.5 | 8.2% | 9.8% | * |
| June | 393.9 | 361.1 | 324.7 | 36.4 | 32.8 | 8.3% | 10.2% | * |
| July | 391.6 | 359.0 | 320.0 | 39.0 | 32.6 | 8.2% | 9.4% | * |
| August | 393.2 | 362.6 | 320.9 | 41.7 | 30.6 | 7.8% | 9.2% | 1.6 |
| September | 385.4 | 360.0 | 327.5 | 32.5 | 25.4 | 6.6% | 8.8% | .1 |
| October | 384.0 | 356.3 | 337.6 | 27.7 | 27.7 | 7.2% | 8.4% | * |
| November | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | |
| Avg. | | | | | | | | |

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded numbers). Series began January 1970.
2/ Non-additive - included in total employment. Revised to 1982 Benchmarks.
* Under 50. Current month is a forecast; previous month preliminary.

TABLE II

M O N T A N A

Statewide Employment by Industry

(In Thousands)

| INDUSTRY | Sep. 1983 | Aug. 1983 | Jul. 1983 | Net Changes to Sept. 1983 from: Aug. 1983 | Sep. 1982 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (Residence Data) | | | | | |
| CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE - PERSONS 1/ | 385.4 | 393.2 | 391.6 | -7.8 | -13.8 |
| EMPLOYED PERSONS | 360.0 | 362.6 | 359.0 | -2.6 | -10.3 |
| Persons Employed in Agriculture | 32.5 | 41.7 | 39.0 | 9.2 | -0.8 |
| UNEMPLOYED PERSONS | 25.4 | 30.6 | 32.6 | -5.2 | -3.5 |
| Percent of Labor Force, Unadjusted 2/ | 6.6% | 7.8% | 8.3% | -1.2 | -.6 |
| Percent of Labor Force, Seasonally Adjusted 2/ | 8.0% | 8.8% | 8.8% | -.8 | -.6 |
| (Establishment Data) | | | | | |
| NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY JOBS | 272.0 | 266.2 | 267.9 | 5.8 | -3.8 |
| Manufacturing | 20.9 | 21.0 | 20.9 | -.1 | -.3 |
| Mining | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 0 | -2.3 |
| Contract Construction | 12.9 | 12.9 | 12.5 | 0 | -1.0 |
| Transportation and Public Utilities | 20.3 | 18.9 | 20.4 | 1.4 | -1.4 |
| Trade | 72.4 | 73.7 | 72.8 | -1.2 | -2.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 17.3 | 17.4 | 17.3 | -.1 | -.2 |
| Retail Trade | 55.2 | 56.3 | 55.5 | -1.1 | -2.6 |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 13.0 | 13.1 | 13.0 | -.1 | -.1 |
| Services | 54.6 | 55.3 | 55.8 | .7 | -2.6 |
| Government | 70.7 | 64.2 | 65.0 | 6.5 | 5.3 |
| Federal Government | 13.6 | 13.6 | 13.7 | 0 | 0 |
| State and Local Government | 57.1 | 50.6 | 51.3 | 6.5 | 5.3 |

1/ Estimates based on National Household Sample, Census and Other Relationships; includes self-employed, unpaid family, and domestic workers. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1982 Benchmarks.

2/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970.

TABLE III

Montana Labor Market Areas 1/

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

| | Civilian Labor Force | | | Employment | | | Unemployment | | | Unemployment Rate 2/ | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sep. 1983 | Aug. 1983 | Jul. 1983 | Sep. 1983 | Aug. 1983 | Jul. 1983 | Sep. 1983 | Aug. 1983 | Jul. 1983 | Sep. 1983 | Aug. 1983 | Jul. 1983 |
| STATEWIDE | 385.4 | 393.2 | 391.6 | 360.0 | 362.6 | 359.0 | 25.4 | 30.6 | 32.6 | 6.6 | 7.8 | 8.3 |
| Great Falls SMSA | 32.8 | 32.8 | 32.5 | 30.4 | 29.8 | 29.6 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 7.2 | 9.2 | 9.0 |
| Billings SMSA | 60.9 | 60.9 | 60.1 | 57.2 | 56.9 | 55.8 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 7.2 |
| Western District 3/ | 196.7 | 199.9 | 198.4 | 182.7 | 183.2 | 180.6 | 14.0 | 16.7 | 17.8 | 7.1 | 8.4 | 8.9 |
| Eastern District | 188.7 | 193.3 | 193.2 | 177.3 | 179.4 | 178.4 | 11.4 | 13.9 | 14.8 | 6.0 | 7.2 | 7.7 |
| ANACONDA-BUTTE | 33.2 | 34.6 | 34.8 | 29.8 | 30.6 | 30.5 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 10.2 | 11.5 | 12.4 |
| BOZEMAN | 29.3 | 29.2 | 29.4 | 27.8 | 27.4 | 27.5 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 6.4 |
| GLASGOW | 18.4 | 19.5 | 19.3 | 17.4 | 18.1 | 17.8 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 5.6 | 7.2 | 7.7 |
| GLENDIVE | 17.1 | 18.2 | 19.0 | 15.9 | 16.8 | 17.4 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 8.3 |
| HARDIN-RED LODGE | 13.1 | 13.5 | 13.2 | 12.4 | 12.5 | 12.2 | .7 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 5.3 | 7.6 | 7.8 |
| HAVRE | 13.0 | 13.1 | 13.4 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.3 | .8 | .9 | 1.1 | 6.1 | 7.1 | 8.0 |
| HELENA | 29.8 | 30.5 | 30.9 | 28.0 | 28.4 | 28.6 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 7.4 |
| KALISPELL | 40.0 | 40.5 | 39.0 | 37.0 | 37.0 | 35.4 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 9.2 |
| LEWISTOWN | 11.4 | 12.1 | 12.3 | 10.8 | 11.4 | 11.5 | .6 | .7 | .8 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 6.4 |
| MILES CITY | 19.0 | 19.5 | 20.1 | 18.0 | 18.3 | 18.6 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 7.5 |
| MISSOULA | 48.5 | 48.1 | 47.4 | 45.1 | 44.2 | 43.1 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 7.0 | 8.2 | 9.1 |
| SHELBY-CUT BANK | 19.2 | 20.5 | 20.3 | 18.2 | 19.0 | 18.8 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 5.4 | 7.2 | 7.6 |

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on map on inside back cover.
2/ Unemployment Rate is calculated on unrounded numbers.
3/ Western congressional district includes Anaconda-Butte, Bozeman, Helena, Kalispell, Missoula, and Shelby-Cut Bank less Chouteau County.

TABLE IV-A

MONTANA MONTHLY LABOR FORCE BY COUNTY

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA SEPTEMBER 1983

| COUNTY | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYMENT | UNEMPLOYMENT | PERCENT RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| STATEWIDE | 385393 | 360013 | 25380 | 6.6 |
| CASCADE | 32732 | 30379 | 2353 | 7.2 |
| YELLOWSTONE | 60878 | 57192 | 3686 | 6.1 |
| BEAVERHEAD | 4530 | 4324 | 206 | 4.5 |
| BIG HORN | 5175 | 4888 | 287 | 5.5 |
| BLAINE | 3100 | 2853 | 247 | 8.0 |
| BROADWATER | 1540 | 1439 | 101 | 6.6 |
| CARBON | 3776 | 3593 | 183 | 4.8 |
| CARTER | 949 | 922 | 27 | 2.8 |
| CHOUTEAU | 3166 | 3076 | 90 | 2.8 |
| CUSTER | 6088 | 5789 | 299 | 4.9 |
| DANIELS | 1573 | 1538 | 35 | 2.2 |
| DAWSON | 6631 | 6155 | 476 | 7.2 |
| DEER LODGE | 4469 | 3811 | 658 | 14.7 |
| FALLON | 2303 | 2216 | 87 | 3.8 |
| FERGUS | 6082 | 5811 | 271 | 4.5 |
| FLATHEAD | 23995 | 22208 | 1787 | 7.4 |
| GALLATIN | 22260 | 21220 | 1040 | 4.7 |
| GARFIELD | 977 | 960 | 17 | 1.7 |
| GLACIER | 6387 | 5877 | 510 | 8.0 |
| GOLDEN VALLEY | 418 | 401 | 17 | 4.1 |
| GRANITE | 1227 | 1135 | 92 | 7.5 |
| HILL | 8774 | 8251 | 523 | 6.0 |
| JEFFERSON | 3094 | 2808 | 286 | 9.2 |
| JUDITH BASIN | 1281 | 1230 | 51 | 4.0 |
| LAKE | 8922 | 8391 | 531 | 6.0 |
| LEWIS AND CLARK | 25112 | 23731 | 1381 | 5.5 |
| LIBERTY | 1151 | 1128 | 23 | 2.0 |
| LINCOLN | 7062 | 6374 | 688 | 9.7 |
| MC CONE | 1348 | 1307 | 41 | 3.0 |
| MADISON | 2813 | 2648 | 165 | 5.9 |
| MEAGHER | 1198 | 1085 | 113 | 9.4 |
| MINERAL | 1803 | 1623 | 180 | 10.0 |
| MISSOULA | 34073 | 32034 | 2039 | 6.0 |
| MUSSELSHELL | 1924 | 1763 | 161 | 8.4 |
| PARK | 5810 | 5455 | 355 | 6.1 |
| PETROLEUM | 313 | 306 | 7 | 2.2 |
| PHILLIPS | 3029 | 2860 | 169 | 5.6 |
| PONDERA | 3669 | 3508 | 161 | 4.4 |
| POWDER RIVER | 1334 | 1289 | 45 | 3.4 |
| POWELL | 3804 | 3608 | 196 | 5.2 |
| PRAIRIE | 870 | 838 | 32 | 3.7 |
| RAVALLI | 8496 | 7712 | 784 | 9.2 |
| RICHLAND | 6407 | 5880 | 527 | 8.2 |
| ROOSEVELT | 5856 | 5470 | 386 | 6.6 |
| ROSEBUD | 7800 | 7279 | 521 | 6.7 |
| SANDERS | 4156 | 3780 | 376 | 9.0 |
| SHERIDAN | 3223 | 3088 | 135 | 4.2 |
| SILVER BOW | 16311 | 14237 | 2074 | 12.7 |
| STILLWATER | 2444 | 2268 | 176 | 7.2 |
| SWEET GRASS | 1712 | 1667 | 45 | 2.6 |
| TETON | 3102 | 2998 | 104 | 3.4 |
| TOOLE | 2863 | 2700 | 163 | 5.7 |
| TREASURE | 496 | 462 | 34 | 6.9 |
| VALLEY | 4774 | 4457 | 317 | 6.6 |
| WHEATLAND | 1310 | 1256 | 54 | 4.1 |
| WIBAUX | 803 | 735 | 68 | 8.5 |

TABLE IV-B

MONTANA MONTHLY LABOR FORCE BY COUNTY

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA AUGUST 1983

| COUNTY | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYMENT | UNEMPLOYMENT | PERCENT RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| STATEWIDE | 393205 | 362609 | 30596 | 7.8 |
| CASCADE | 32873 | 29849 | 3024 | 9.2 |
| YELLOWSTONE | 60898 | 56878 | 4020 | 6.6 |
| BEAVERHEAD | 4902 | 4647 | 255 | 5.2 |
| BIG HORN | 5277 | 4827 | 450 | 8.5 |
| BLAINE | 3141 | 2861 | 280 | 8.9 |
| BROADWATER | 1592 | 1491 | 101 | 6.3 |
| CARBON | 3880 | 3605 | 275 | 7.1 |
| CARTER | 1072 | 1026 | 46 | 4.3 |
| CHOUTEAU | 3485 | 3345 | 140 | 4.0 |
| CUSTER | 6157 | 5842 | 315 | 5.1 |
| DANIELS | 1614 | 1564 | 50 | 3.1 |
| DAWSON | 6829 | 6252 | 577 | 8.4 |
| DEER LODGE | 4659 | 3882 | 777 | 16.7 |
| FALLON | 2298 | 2199 | 99 | 4.3 |
| FERGUS | 6370 | 6014 | 356 | 5.6 |
| FLATHEAD | 24498 | 22440 | 2058 | 8.4 |
| GALLATIN | 22138 | 20897 | 1241 | 5.6 |
| GARFIELD | 1118 | 1096 | 22 | 2.0 |
| GLACIER | 6684 | 5918 | 766 | 11.5 |
| GOLDEN VALLEY | 467 | 442 | 25 | 5.4 |
| GRANITE | 1264 | 1153 | 111 | 8.8 |
| HILL | 8736 | 8116 | 620 | 7.1 |
| JEFFERSON | 3184 | 2853 | 331 | 10.4 |
| JUDITH BASIN | 1453 | 1396 | 57 | 3.9 |
| LAKE | 9085 | 8403 | 682 | 7.5 |
| LEWIS AND CLARK | 25706 | 24008 | 1698 | 6.6 |
| LIBERTY | 1205 | 1178 | 27 | 2.2 |
| LINCOLN | 6943 | 6171 | 772 | 11.1 |
| MC CONE | 1505 | 1442 | 63 | 4.2 |
| MADISON | 3022 | 2813 | 209 | 6.9 |
| MEAGHER | 1240 | 1124 | 116 | 9.4 |
| MINERAL | 1973 | 1738 | 235 | 11.9 |
| MISSOULA | 33489 | 31056 | 2433 | 7.3 |
| MUSSELSHELL | 2106 | 1935 | 171 | 8.1 |
| PARK | 5894 | 5423 | 471 | 8.0 |
| PETROLEUM | 357 | 335 | 22 | 6.2 |
| PHILLIPS | 3304 | 3100 | 204 | 6.2 |
| PONDERA | 3739 | 3520 | 219 | 5.9 |
| POWDER RIVER | 1508 | 1442 | 66 | 4.4 |
| POWELL | 3778 | 3557 | 221 | 5.8 |
| PRAIRIE | 944 | 913 | 31 | 3.3 |
| RAVALLI | 8552 | 7678 | 874 | 10.2 |
| RICHLAND | 6987 | 6337 | 650 | 9.3 |
| ROOSEVELT | 6118 | 5584 | 534 | 8.7 |
| ROSEBUD | 7940 | 7258 | 682 | 8.6 |
| SANDERS | 4082 | 3701 | 381 | 9.3 |
| SHERIDAN | 3306 | 3111 | 195 | 5.9 |
| SILVER BOW | 16942 | 14536 | 2406 | 14.2 |
| STILLWATER | 2534 | 2307 | 227 | 9.0 |
| SWEET GRASS | 1860 | 1780 | 80 | 4.3 |
| TETON | 3416 | 3277 | 139 | 4.1 |
| TOOLE | 3138 | 2932 | 206 | 6.6 |
| TREASURE | 533 | 502 | 31 | 5.8 |
| VALLEY | 5157 | 4742 | 415 | 8.0 |
| WHEATLAND | 1388 | 1325 | 63 | 4.5 |
| WIBAUX | 865 | 788 | 77 | 8.9 |

TABLE IV-C

MONTANA MONTHLY LABOR FORCE BY COUNTY

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA JULY 1983

| COUNTY | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYMENT | UNEMPLOYMENT | PERCENT RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| STATEWIDE | 391606 | 359013 | 32593 | 8.3 |
| CASCADE | 32485 | 29558 | 2927 | 9.0 |
| YELLOWSTONE | 60062 | 55754 | 4308 | 7.2 |
| BEAVERHEAD | 5104 | 4871 | 233 | 4.6 |
| BIG HORN | 5272 | 4781 | 491 | 9.3 |
| BLAINE | 3150 | 2830 | 320 | 10.2 |
| BROADWATER | 1713 | 1584 | 129 | 7.5 |
| CARBON | 3705 | 3453 | 252 | 6.8 |
| CARTER | 1018 | 968 | 50 | 4.9 |
| CHOUTEAU | 3468 | 3313 | 155 | 4.5 |
| CUSTER | 6142 | 5765 | 377 | 6.1 |
| DANIELS | 1618 | 1558 | 60 | 3.7 |
| DAWSON | 7248 | 6604 | 644 | 8.9 |
| DEER LODGE | 4573 | 3755 | 818 | 17.9 |
| FALLON | 2409 | 2260 | 149 | 6.2 |
| FERGUS | 6367 | 5990 | 377 | 5.9 |
| FLATHEAD | 23388 | 21310 | 2078 | 8.9 |
| GALLATIN | 22386 | 21119 | 1267 | 5.7 |
| GARFIELD | 1053 | 1028 | 25 | 2.4 |
| GLACIER | 6627 | 5841 | 786 | 11.9 |
| GOLDEN VALLEY | 441 | 406 | 35 | 7.9 |
| GRANITE | 1264 | 1142 | 122 | 9.7 |
| HILL | 9043 | 8344 | 699 | 7.7 |
| JEFFERSON | 3509 | 3168 | 341 | 9.7 |
| JUDITH BASIN | 1512 | 1423 | 89 | 5.9 |
| LAKE | 9054 | 8385 | 669 | 7.4 |
| LEWIS AND CLARK | 25628 | 23824 | 1804 | 7.0 |
| LIBERTY | 1204 | 1156 | 48 | 4.0 |
| LINCOLN | 6535 | 5711 | 824 | 12.6 |
| MC CONE | 1524 | 1480 | 44 | 2.9 |
| MADISON | 2901 | 2745 | 156 | 5.4 |
| MEAGHER | 1209 | 1111 | 98 | 8.1 |
| MINERAL | 1977 | 1708 | 269 | 13.6 |
| MISSOULA | 33504 | 30814 | 2690 | 8.0 |
| MUSSELSHELL | 2193 | 2014 | 179 | 8.2 |
| PARK | 5725 | 5225 | 500 | 8.7 |
| PETROLEUM | 375 | 339 | 36 | 9.6 |
| PHILLIPS | 3331 | 3071 | 260 | 7.8 |
| PONDERA | 3633 | 3389 | 244 | 6.7 |
| POWDER RIVER | 1488 | 1380 | 108 | 7.3 |
| POWELL | 3669 | 3324 | 345 | 9.4 |
| PRAIRIE | 914 | 874 | 40 | 4.4 |
| RAVALLI | 8112 | 7187 | 925 | 11.4 |
| RICHLAND | 7362 | 6620 | 742 | 10.1 |
| ROOSEVELT | 5967 | 5415 | 552 | 9.3 |
| ROSEBUD | 8485 | 7703 | 782 | 9.2 |
| SANDERS | 3876 | 3432 | 444 | 11.5 |
| SHERIDAN | 3418 | 3206 | 212 | 6.2 |
| SILVER BOW | 17323 | 14674 | 2649 | 15.3 |
| STILLWATER | 2425 | 2195 | 230 | 9.5 |
| SWEET GRASS | 1832 | 1774 | 58 | 3.2 |
| TETON | 3489 | 3330 | 159 | 4.6 |
| TOOLE | 3174 | 2973 | 201 | 6.3 |
| TREASURE | 515 | 483 | 32 | 6.2 |
| VALLEY | 4984 | 4573 | 411 | 8.2 |
| WHEATLAND | 1389 | 1321 | 68 | 4.9 |
| WIBAUX | 834 | 752 | 82 | 9.8 |

TABLE V

MONTANA

FEMALE EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

(In Thousands)

| | FEMALE EMPLOYMENT | | | TOTAL EMPLOYMENT COMPARISON | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | SEP. 1983 1/ | | AUG. 1983 | | JUL. 1983 | |
| | SEP.1/ 1983 | AUG. 1983 | JUL. 1983 | TOTAL | PERCENT FEMALE | TOTAL | PERCENT FEMALE | TOTAL | PERCENT FEMALE |
| (Establishment Data) | | | | | | | | | |
| Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Workers. | 127.8 | 127.5 | 128.4 | 272.0 | 47.0% | 266.2 | 47.9% | 267.9 | 47.9% |
| Manufacturing..... | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 20.9 | 12.9% | 21.0 | 12.9% | 20.9 | 12.9% |
| Mining..... | .3 | .4 | .3 | 7.0 | 4.3% | 7.0 | 5.7% | 7.4 | 4.0% |
| Contract Construction..... | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 12.9 | 14.7% | 12.9 | 14.7% | 12.5 | 15.2% |
| Transportation & Public Utilities..... | 4.7 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 20.3 | 23.2% | 18.9 | 21.2% | 21.7 | 21.7% |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade..... | 33.8 | 33.8 | 33.7 | 72.4 | 46.7% | 73.7 | 45.9% | 72.8 | 46.3% |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate..... | 8.0 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 13.0 | 61.5% | 13.1 | 61.8% | 13.0 | 62.3% |
| Services..... | 38.1 | 38.3 | 38.4 | 54.6 | 69.8% | 55.3 | 69.3% | 55.5 | 69.2% |
| Government 2/..... | 38.3 | 38.3 | 38.6 | 70.7 | 54.2% | 64.2 | 59.7% | 65.0 | 59.4% |

1/ Current month preliminary.

2/ Includes all civilian employees of Federal,State, and Local Governments regardless of the activity in which the employee is engaged.

Revised to 1982 Benchmarks. Establishment series began January 1974.

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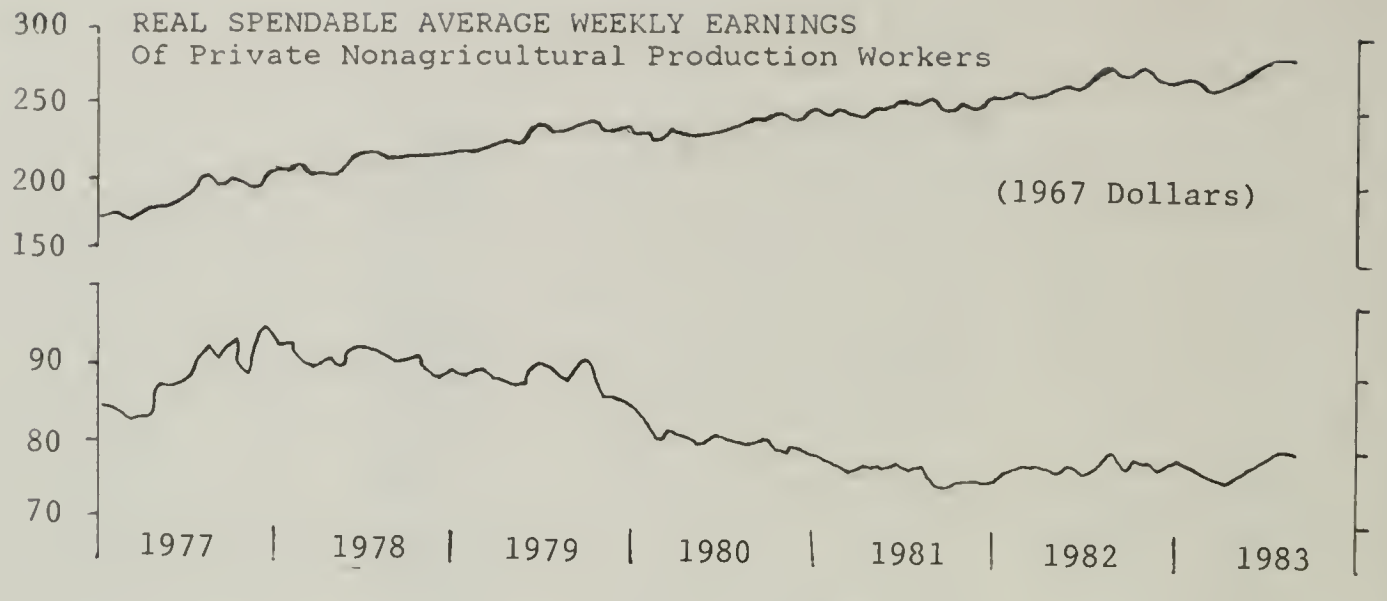
# ECONOMIC INDICATORS




| | Prelim. Sep. 1983 | Aug 1983 | Jul. 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gross Average Weekly Earnings | $283.92 | $281.60 | $ 281.52 |
| Taxes Withheld 3/ | 44.45 | 43.82 | 43.80 |
| Spendable Earnings | 239.47 | 237.78 | 237.72 |
| Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967 | 159.86 | 158.60 | 158.00 |
| Real Spendable Earnings | 79.61 | 79.18 | 79.72 |

| | 1) Average Weekly Earnings | | | 2) Real Spendable Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1983 | 1982 | 1981 | 1983 | 1982 | 1981 |
| January | 267.92 | 255.84 | 245.28 | 77.20 | 76.47 | 78.44 |
| February | 263.53 | 258.96 | 247.52 | 76.03 | 77.07 | 78.20 |
| March | 262.87 | 258.82 | 244.84 | 75.68 | 77.15 | 76.99 |
| April | 266.34 | 259.29 | 248.29 | 76.07 | 76.94 | 77.45 |
| May | 272.24 | 263.76 | 249.48 | 77.18 | 77.17 | 77.09 |
| June | 279.71 | 263.50 | 254.14 | 78.81 | 76.32 | 77.65 |
| July | 281.52 | 269.26 | 254.46 | 79.72 | 77.62 | 77.43 |
| August | 281.60 | 277.04 | 255.20 | 79.18 | 79.43 | 77.08 |
| September | (P) 283.92 | 267.59 | 249.90 | (P) 79.61 | 76.93 | 75.00 |
| October | | 272.57 | 251.66 | | 77.98 | 75.29 |
| November | | 269.92 | 250.99 | | 77.41 | 75.89 |
| December | | 266.40 | 253.08 | | 78.25 | 75.28 |

Real Spendable Earnings

After a brief drop in March, Montana's Real Spendable Average Earnings has continued an upward trend. August registered a slight decline; however September increased almost to July's level again. The July's number of $79.72 reached the highest peak recorded within the past 30 months. The gross average weekly earnings started to show signs of growth beginning with the month of April 1983 and continued through September 1983. Gross earnings during the third quarter 1983 represented another gain of nearly 4% over the third quarter in 1982. Real spendable earnings increased by 1.71% in the third quarter 1983 compared to the respective quarter in 1982.

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TABLE VI

MONTANA HOURS & EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sep. 1983 | Aug. 1983 | Jul. 1983 | Sep. 1983 | Aug. 1983 | Jul. 1983 | Sep. 1983 | Aug. 1983 | Jul. 1983 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE..... | $283.92 | $281.60 | $281.52 | 33.8 | 34.3 | 34.0 | 8.40 | 8.21 | 8.28 |
| MANUFACTURING..... | 426.26 | 422.75 | 391.59 | 40.1 | 40.3 | 36.7 | 10.63 | 10.49 | 10.67 |
| Durable Goods..... | 453.70 | 450.46 | 406.22 | 40.8 | 41.1 | 36.4 | 11.12 | 10.96 | 11.16 |
| Primary Metal Industries.. | 510.57 | 520.22 | 510.87 | 36.6 | 37.0 | 35.8 | 13.95 | 14.06 | 14.27 |
| Nondurable Goods..... | 362.88 | 362.84 | 361.28 | 38.4 | 38.6 | 37.4 | 9.45 | 9.40 | 9.66 |
| Food & Kindred Products... | 343.09 | 339.77 | 336.78 | 39.3 | 39.6 | 38.8 | 8.73 | 8.58 | 8.68 |
| MINING..... | 516.38 | 492.78 | 505.95 | 39.6 | 38.2 | 39.1 | 13.04 | 12.90 | 12.94 |
| Metal Mining..... | 525.82 | 560.74 | 544.32 | 40.2 | 40.9 | 42.0 | 13.08 | 13.71 | 12.96 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION..... | 594.39 | 569.65 | 554.13 | 38.2 | 37.7 | 36.1 | 15.56 | 15.11 | 15.35 |
| TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES..... | 468.99 | 465.37 | 454.51 | 42.1 | 41.7 | 40.8 | 11.14 | 11.16 | 11.14 |
| Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services... | 479.61 | 466.08 | 432.89 | 43.8 | 43.6 | 40.8 | 10.95 | 10.69 | 10.61 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.. | 200.16 | 206.38 | 209.29 | 30.7 | 31.8 | 32.1 | 6.52 | 6.49 | 6.52 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE..... | 206.84 | 207.27 | 212.71 | 35.6 | 36.3 | 35.7 | 5.81 | 5.71 | 5.96 |
| SERVICES..... | 206.81 | 200.63 | 206.03 | 31.1 | 31.3 | 31.6 | 6.65 | 6.41 | 6.52 |

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950;Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).

Table VII

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

| AREAS | Sep. 1983 | Aug. 1983 | Jul. 1983 | Year-to-Date 1983 | Year-to-Date 1982 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STATE OF MONTANA | 603 | 627 | 508 | 5177 | 3478 |
| GREAT FALLS SMSA | 31 | 47 | 32 | 341 | 216 |
| BILLINGS SMSA | 96 | 78 | 64 | 751 | 469 |
| FOREIGN CORPORATIONS AND MULTI COUNTY BUSINESS | 70 | 119 | 76 | 803 | 578 |
| ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA | 35 | 41 | 33 | 296 | 231 |
| Beaverhead | 4 | 4 | 8 | 57 | 43 |
| Deer Lodge | 6 | 6 | 4 | 41 | 22 |
| Granite | 7 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 13 |
| Madison | 6 | 4 | 6 | 30 | 28 |
| Powell | 4 | 9 | 1 | 27 | 17 |
| Silver Bow | 4 | 16 | 14 | 131 | 108 |
| BOZEMAN LMA | 55 | 59 | 51 | 469 | 258 |
| Gallatin | 40 | 47 | 35 | 351 | 207 |
| Meagher | 2 | 2 | 6 | 23 | 15 |
| Park | 13 | 10 | 10 | 95 | 36 |
| GLASGOW LMA | 11 | 17 | 12 | 175 | 133 |
| Daniels | 2 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 11 |
| Phillips | 2 | 2 | 1 | 21 | 24 |
| Roosevelt | 4 | 10 | 5 | 71 | 43 |
| Sheridan | 1 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 30 |
| Valley | 2 | 4 | 2 | 45 | 25 |
| GLENDIVE LMA | 17 | 10 | 13 | 149 | 188 |
| Dawson | 6 | 7 | 7 | 68 | 49 |
| Garfield | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 5 |
| McCone | 1 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 8 |
| Prairie | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Richland | 9 | 2 | 3 | 54 | 117 |
| Wibaux | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA | 14 | 17 | 12 | 115 | 79 |
| Big Horn | 3 | 3 | 7 | 37 | 20 |
| Carbon | 7 | 5 | 3 | 42 | 30 |
| Stillwater | 3 | 6 | 2 | 27 | 19 |
| Sweet Grass | 1 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 10 |
| HAVRE LMA | 11 | 12 | 14 | 111 | 89 |
| Blaine | 3 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 17 |
| Hill | 8 | 10 | 10 | 82 | 62 |
| Liberty | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 10 |
| HELENA LMA | 44 | 37 | 40 | 340 | 216 |
| Broadwater | 3 | 3 | 5 | 25 | 20 |
| Jefferson | 4 | 3 | 2 | 24 | 12 |
| Lewis and Clark | 37 | 31 | 33 | 291 | 184 |
| KALISPELL LMA | 85 | 68 | 57 | 586 | 387 |
| Flathead | 56 | 39 | 36 | 384 | 240 |
| Lake | 12 | 12 | 10 | 94 | 78 |
| Lincoln | 17 | 17 | 11 | 108 | 69 |
| LEWISTOWN LMA | 13 | 10 | 13 | 111 | 62 |
| Fergus | 5 | 6 | 11 | 63 | 30 |
| Golden Valley | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Judith Basin | 2 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 5 |
| Musselshell | 4 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 19 |
| Petroleum | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Wheatland | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 6 |
| MILES CITY LMA | 14 | 12 | 16 | 139 | 92 |
| Carter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 5 |
| Custer | 6 | 6 | 6 | 53 | 30 |
| Fallon | 1 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 15 |
| Powder River | 0 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 6 |
| Rosebud | 5 | 3 | 5 | 46 | 36 |
| Treasure | 2 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| MISSOULA LMA | 80 | 75 | 62 | 600 | 360 |
| Mineral | 5 | 4 | 1 | 25 | 10 |
| Missoula | 39 | 46 | 44 | 384 | 257 |
| Ravalli | 26 | 20 | 9 | 142 | 73 |
| Sanders | 10 | 5 | 8 | 49 | 20 |
| SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA | 27 | 25 | 13 | 191 | 120 |
| Chouteau | 3 | 2 | 2 | 31 | 23 |
| Glacier | 6 | 6 | 3 | 45 | 38 |
| Pondera | 6 | 6 | 1 | 34 | 23 |
| Teton | 4 | 7 | 3 | 31 | 18 |
| Toole | 8 | 4 | 4 | 50 | 18 |

# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE: CLAIMS TO PAYMENT

Many of those persons who become separated from their jobs enter our local Job Service offices for two reasons: to seek employment and to claim unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. Claimant wage credits obtained from insured employers are examined to determine if the claim meets monetary eligibility requirements for UI benefits and, if so, for how much per week is the claimant qualified. Monetarily eligible claims are subsequently segregated according to criteria for establishing which party (claimant or employer) was most responsible for the job separation in question. Claims for job separations resulting from claimant actions (issues) are further subjected to the test of whether or not an individuals' reduction in his potential benefit duration is warranted. If otherwise eligible and if availability criteria continue to be complied with throughout his actual unemployment duration, weekly benefit payments will commence with the claimant's second week of unemployment (a waiting week must be served under Montana law). The number and amount of such payments by county are shown in the table on the following page. Interstate payments in the table refer to payments made to individuals who now reside in other states but who had established wage credits in Montana based employment. Amounts shown in the table are financed through employer taxes paid to the Montana UI Trust Fund Account.

### SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES IN MONTANA

YEAR-TO-DATE

| | 1983 | 1982 | Net Change | Percent Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Initial Claims | 44,640 | 41,917 | 2,723 | 6.5% |
| Continued Claims | 467,433 | 495,941 | -28,508 | -5.7% |
| Number of Benefit Payments | 429,566 | 450,271 | -20,705 | -4.6% |
| Amount of Benefits Paid | $51,102,515 | $49,960,191 | $1,142,324 | 2.3% |
| Average Weekly Benefit Amount | $120.46 | $119.08 | $1.38 | 1.2% |

MONTHLY

| | Sep. 1983 | Aug. 1983 | Jul. 1983 | Change to Current Month from same mnth a yr ago Net | Percent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Initial Claims1/ | 2,497 | 4,203 | 4,895 | -889 | -26.3% |
| Continued Claims1/ | 31,210 | 48,539 | 41,101 | -3,656 | -10.5% |
| Number of Benefit Payments1/ | 28,640 | 43,560 | 37,316 | -4,911 | -14.6% |
| Amount of Benefits Paid1/ | $3,420,299 | $5,142,428 | $4,069,114 | -$199,572 | -5.5% |
| Avg. Weekly Benefit Amt1/2/ | $119.48 | $112.92 | $111.22 | $3.57 | 3.1% |
| Trust Fund Balance | $6,261,138* | $9,495,990* | $6,893,292* | -$6,947,615 | -52.6% |

1/ Regular Unemployment Insurance Program only.
2/ Derived According to Definition in "Handbook of Unemployment Insurance Financial Data".

* Includes Loan from Federal Government for Total of $8,556,388.

TABLE VIII-A

ETA5-1598 DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
SEPTEMBER 1983

| COUNTY | COUNT | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| BEAVERHEAD | 137 | 15,126.20 |
| BIGHORN | 332 | 34,177.57 |
| BLAINE | 221 | 21,517.38 |
| BROADWATER | 80 | 9,434.00 |
| CARBON | 156 | 17,508.00 |
| CARTER | 12 | 978.00 |
| CASCADE | 3,042 | 314,602.98 |
| CHOUTEAU | 66 | 5,596.00 |
| CUSTER | 276 | 29,690.20 |
| DANIELS | 20 | 1,960.00 |
| DAWSON | 478 | 51,200.00 |
| DEER LODGE | 987 | 129,355.90 |
| FALLON | 85 | 8,397.00 |
| FERGUS | 178 | 17,661.00 |
| FLATHEAD | 1,464 | 152,863.74 |
| GALLATIN | 1,371 | 135,881.60 |
| GARFIELD | 4 | 275.00 |
| GLACIER | 613 | 61,447.12 |
| GOLDEN VALLEY | 5 | 406.00 |
| GRANITE | 64 | 7,343.00 |
| HILL | 455 | 45,733.92 |
| JEFFERSON | 296 | 39,344.00 |
| JUDITH BASIN | 40 | 3,936.00 |
| LAKE | 479 | 48,257.06 |
| LEWIS AND CLARK | 1,579 | 165,579.12 |
| LIBERTY | 13 | 1,161.00 |
| LINCOLN | 541 | 58,891.55 |
| MCCONE | 12 | 1,454.00 |
| MADISON | 89 | 10,191.00 |
| MEAGHER | 76 | 9,821.00 |
| MINERAL | 122 | 9,897.48 |
| MISSOULA | 2,222 | 227,863.46 |
| MUSSELSHELL | 156 | 18,583.00 |
| PARK | 307 | 29,005.00 |
| PETROLEUM | 4 | 182.00 |
| PHILLIPS | 114 | 10,706.80 |
| PONDERA | 200 | 17,352.00 |
| POWDER RIVER | 30 | 3,736.00 |
| POWELL | 203 | 23,124.00 |
| PRAIRIE | 25 | 3,042.00 |
| RAVALLI | 563 | 67,453.44 |
| RICHLAND | 559 | 70,132.00 |
| ROOSEVELT | 349 | 40,473.75 |
| ROSEBUD | 658 | 84,960.00 |
| SANDERS | 248 | 26,713.52 |
| SHERIDAN | 102 | 10,314.00 |
| SILVER BOW | 2,921 | 387,931.32 |
| STILLWATER | 138 | 15,957.00 |
| SWEET GRASS | 29 | 2,601.00 |
| TETON | 57 | 5,819.06 |
| TOOLE | 138 | 14,994.47 |
| TREASURE | 21 | 2,234.00 |
| VALLEY | 247 | 25,322.00 |
| WHEATLAND | 47 | 5,950.00 |
| WIBAUX | 40 | 4,628.00 |
| YELLOWSTONE | 4,117 | 436,152.96 |
| INTRASTATE | 26,891 | 3,213,748.48 |
| INTERSTATE | 1,749 | 206,550.04 |
| TOTAL | 28,640 | 3,420,298.52 |

TABLE VIII-B

ETA5-159R DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
AUGUST 1983

| COUNTY | COUNT | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| BEAVERHEAD | 225 | 22,612.49 |
| BIGHORN | 658 | 66,422.65 |
| BLAINE | 338 | 32,506.00 |
| BROADWATER | 101 | 10,835.00 |
| CARBON | 238 | 26,226.00 |
| CARTER | 18 | 1,225.00 |
| CASCADE | 4,550 | 438,245.02 |
| CHOUTEAU | 103 | 10,451.00 |
| CUSTER | 360 | 37,679.08 |
| DANIELS | 44 | 4,169.00 |
| DAWSON | 685 | 75,374.00 |
| DEER LODGE | 1,474 | 189,061.00 |
| FALLON | 122 | 12,587.00 |
| FERGUS | 334 | 30,098.12 |
| FLATHEAD | 1,969 | 194,232.61 |
| GALLATIN | 1,872 | 195,217.22 |
| GARFIELD | 3 | 210.00 |
| GLACIER | 1,072 | 110,804.83 |
| GOLDEN VALLEY | 8 | 784.00 |
| GRANITE | 102 | 11,154.00 |
| HILL | 842 | 79,872.12 |
| JEFFERSON | 430 | 56,898.66 |
| JUDITH BASIN | 56 | 5,628.00 |
| LAKE | 849 | 80,585.00 |
| LEWIS AND CLARK | 2,671 | 301,750.27 |
| LIBERTY | 20 | 2,059.00 |
| LINCOLN | 849 | 75,781.17 |
| MCCONE | 15 | 1,335.00 |
| MADISON | 125 | 13,091.00 |
| MEAGHER | 103 | 11,240.00 |
| MINERAL | 157 | 12,946.68 |
| MISSOULA | 3,571 | 362,397.70 |
| MUSSELSHELL | 158 | 17,721.00 |
| PARK | 493 | 44,741.32 |
| PETROLEUM | 19 | 1,367.00 |
| PHILLIPS | 203 | 19,070.80 |
| PONDERA | 249 | 23,734.00 |
| POWDER RIVER | 42 | 5,732.00 |
| POWELL | 246 | 26,101.00 |
| PRAIRIE | 24 | 2,582.00 |
| RAVALLI | 944 | 92,855.71 |
| RICHLAND | 809 | 98,292.00 |
| ROOSEVELT | 651 | 70,752.80 |
| ROSEBUD | 975 | 114,897.00 |
| SANDERS | 444 | 42,024.57 |
| SHERIDAN | 167 | 18,976.00 |
| SILVER BOW | 4,801 | 585,298.98 |
| STILLWATER | 195 | 21,341.00 |
| SWEET GRASS | 54 | 4,980.00 |
| TETON | 122 | 12,420.00 |
| TOOLE | 235 | 25,378.26 |
| TREASURE | 24 | 3,153.00 |
| VALLEY | 417 | 41,075.00 |
| WHEATLAND | 52 | 5,553.00 |
| WIBAUX | 97 | 10,368.93 |
| YELLOWSTONE | 6,354 | 681,357.94 |
| INTRASTATE | 41,771 | 4,933,421.32 |
| INTERSTATE | 1,789 | 209,006.53 |
| TOTAL | 43,560 | 5,142,427.85 |

TABLE VIII-C

ETA5-1598 DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
JULY 1983

| COUNTY | COUNT | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| BEAVERHEAD | 193 | 16,003.00 |
| BIGHORN | 553 | 55,891.05 |
| BLAINE | 265 | 24,442.28 |
| BROADWATER | 99 | 10,773.00 |
| CARBON | 197 | 21,265.00 |
| CARTER | 20 | 1,295.00 |
| CASCADE | 3,607 | 333,634.05 |
| CHOUTEAU | 98 | 9,054.00 |
| CUSTER | 278 | 28,491.94 |
| DANIELS | 46 | 4,621.00 |
| DAWSON | 678 | 77,487.97 |
| DEER LODGE | 1,021 | 122,021.80 |
| FALLON | 123 | 13,991.00 |
| FERGUS | 309 | 26,705.06 |
| FLATHEAD | 1,954 | 197,334.82 |
| GALLATIN | 1,642 | 161,171.79 |
| GARFIELD | 19 | 1,343.00 |
| GLACIER | 883 | 90,911.15 |
| GOLDEN VALLEY | 13 | 1,660.00 |
| GRANITE | 105 | 11,422.75 |
| HILL | 712 | 68,084.61 |
| JEFFERSON | 360 | 45,789.00 |
| JUDITH BASIN | 43 | 3,866.00 |
| LAKE | 643 | 63,302.02 |
| LEWIS AND CLARK | 1,756 | 189,825.74 |
| LIBERTY | 12 | 1,040.00 |
| LINCOLN | 945 | 89,978.57 |
| MCCONE | 8 | 1,037.00 |
| MADISON | 117 | 12,384.00 |
| MEAGHER | 98 | 8,400.00 |
| MINERAL | 112 | 8,302.88 |
| MISSOULA | 2,953 | 297,666.81 |
| MUSSELSHELL | 171 | 20,518.00 |
| PARK | 453 | 38,894.24 |
| PETROLEUM | 20 | 1,451.00 |
| PHILLIPS | 202 | 19,715.00 |
| PONDERA | 223 | 20,562.00 |
| POWDER RIVER | 47 | 6,367.00 |
| POWELL | 430 | 40,418.56 |
| PRAIRIE | 23 | 2,478.00 |
| RAVALLI | 856 | 82,517.00 |
| RICHLAND | 864 | 105,456.20 |
| ROOSEVELT | 540 | 55,018.62 |
| ROSEBUD | 987 | 115,833.00 |
| SANDERS | 463 | 49,653.00 |
| SHERIDAN | 197 | 21,787.00 |
| SILVER BOW | 3,961 | 462,899.00 |
| STILLWATER | 197 | 22,534.00 |
| SWEET GRASS | 50 | 4,586.00 |
| TETON | 124 | 13,956.00 |
| TOOLE | 219 | 25,174.71 |
| TREASURE | 28 | 3,852.00 |
| VALLEY | 374 | 37,581.00 |
| WHEATLAND | 43 | 5,472.00 |
| WIBAUX | 55 | 6,574.52 |
| YELLOWSTONE | 5,264 | 543,346.53 |
| INTRASTATE | 35,588 | 3,872,367.82 |
| INTERSTATE | 1,728 | 196,746.58 |
| TOTAL | 37,316 | 4,069,114.40 |

TABLE IX

CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
JANUARY 1982 THRU SEPTEMBER 1983

| COUNTY | COUNT | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| BEAVERHEAD | 2,921 | 290,953.26 |
| BIGHORN | 4,425 | 497,938.40 |
| BLAINE | 2,676 | 271,950.12 |
| BROADWATER | 1,824 | 217,007.65 |
| CARBON | 2,820 | 335,452.93 |
| CARTER | 253 | 27,801.00 |
| CASCADE | 38,005 | 4,024,802.99 |
| CHOUTEAU | 1,151 | 122,328.00 |
| CUSTER | 4,144 | 451,896.70 |
| DANIELS | 503 | 58,660.00 |
| DAWSON | 9,556 | 1,125,890.62 |
| DEER LODGE | 9,081 | 1,122,048.14 |
| FALLON | 1,612 | 189,253.00 |
| FERGUS | 4,734 | 482,082.17 |
| FLATHEAD | 32,269 | 3,659,145.04 |
| GALLATIN | 21,586 | 2,235,928.71 |
| GARFIELD | 229 | 23,721.00 |
| GLACIER | 7,021 | 664,492.82 |
| GOLDEN VALLEY | 262 | 37,340.00 |
| GRANITE | 1,425 | 172,775.64 |
| HILL | 7,354 | 794,298.08 |
| JEFFERSON | 3,891 | 498,849.57 |
| JUDITH BASIN | 405 | 46,917.04 |
| LAKE | 6,870 | 687,409.24 |
| LEWIS AND CLARK | 22,167 | 2,512,791.85 |
| LIBERTY | 374 | 42,880.00 |
| LINCOLN | 13,320 | 1,508,256.23 |
| MCCONE | 365 | 40,061.00 |
| MADISON | 2,073 | 233,750.80 |
| MEAGHER | 1,745 | 210,351.84 |
| MINERAL | 3,549 | 436,626.42 |
| MISSOULA | 33,980 | 3,515,255.67 |
| MUSSELSHELL | 2,427 | 302,214.00 |
| PARK | 5,735 | 531,135.77 |
| PETROLEUM | 113 | 10,042.00 |
| PHILLIPS | 2,801 | 324,862.64 |
| PONDERA | 2,189 | 228,013.03 |
| POWDER RIVER | 743 | 93,770.00 |
| POWELL | 3,121 | 362,481.04 |
| PRAIRIE | 392 | 49,778.00 |
| RAVALLI | 11,186 | 1,178,137.51 |
| RICHLAND | 11,344 | 1,430,145.65 |
| ROOSEVELT | 4,982 | 557,592.19 |
| ROSEBUD | 8,096 | 1,037,956.92 |
| SANDERS | 5,740 | 673,308.00 |
| SHERIDAN | 2,360 | 301,803.00 |
| SILVER BOW | 25,901 | 3,612,513.44 |
| STILLWATER | 3,224 | 379,196.26 |
| SWEET GRASS | 607 | 82,946.00 |
| TETON | 1,557 | 174,233.24 |
| TOOLE | 2,263 | 272,090.99 |
| TREASURE | 272 | 37,447.00 |
| VALLEY | 4,409 | 487,034.44 |
| WHEATLAND | 659 | 78,534.82 |
| WIBAUX | 883 | 109,602.83 |
| YELLOWSTONE | 60,415 | 6,856,641.79 |
| INTRASTATE | 408,320 | 48,393,774.85 |
| INTERSTATE | 21,246 | 2,708,761.63 |
| TOTAL | 429,566 | 51,102,536.48 |

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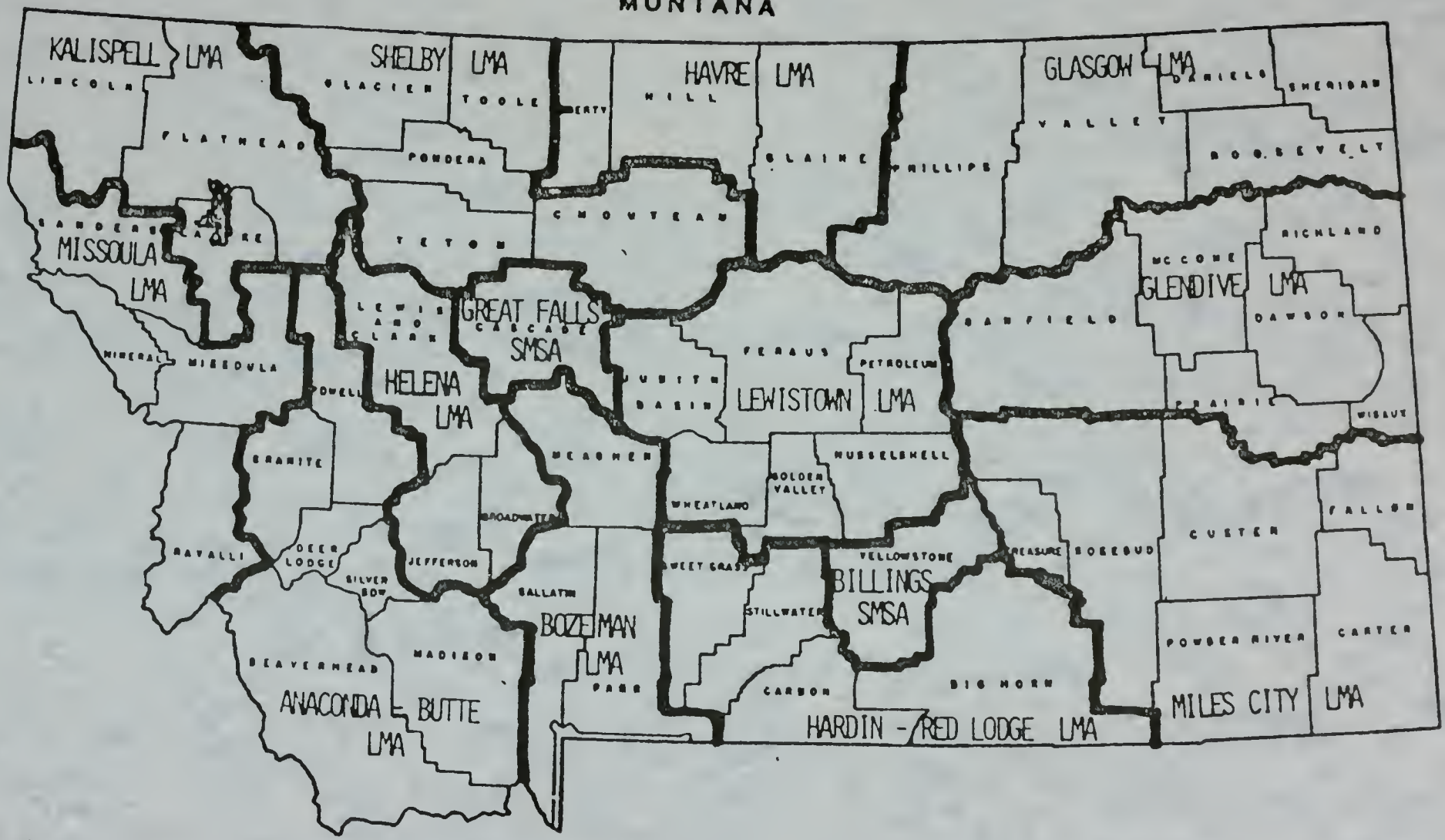

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